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1. During the three months prior to December 1954, DIA Chemie embarked on a program to expand production of pharmaceuticals in East Germany. This program embraced the following factories.
 - a. VEB Schering, Adlershof, which is engaged in the production of amino acid compounds such as alanine, isoleucine, and isovaline all of which previously had to be imported.
 - b. VEB Jenapharm, which is engaged in the production of albuminoacids (sic) and methionine, and
 - c. VEB Arzneimittelwerk Dresden which is engaged in the synthetic manufacture of chloromycetin and other anti-biotic drugs.
2. The program is intended to make the Soviet Bloc independent of imports of pharmaceuticals; in particular, the development of synthetic processes at the Arzneimittelwerk Dresden removes any dependence on the natural products of ergot. The production is earmarked entirely for export to the USSR and for use in hospitals in East Germany.

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